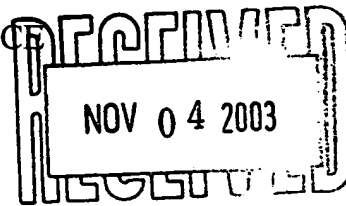


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**REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION/CORRECTION  
OF OFFICE ACTION**

The Office Action dated 10/28/2003 at page 9 bases a rejection of claims 8 and 10 on a combination of two references. However, both references as identified are the identical same reference to Karabinis et al. '942. It is presumed that the Examiner must have intended to reference some other second Karabinis et al. document. However, no such second Karabinis document appears to be identified as a cited reference in any portion of the Office Action.

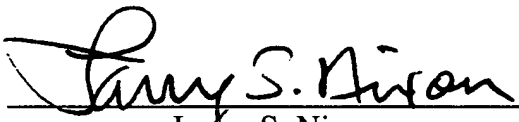
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Accordingly, clarification and correction of the outstanding Office Action is requested on an expedited basis. Obviously a copy of the second reference being relied upon at page 9 as well as a complete identification of that reference is requested.

In view of the circumstances, it is also requested that the outstanding Office Action be re-issued so as to re-start the response deadline dates.

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